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Provocation and resistance

THE TIDE of resistance is clearly rising among the Arabs living in the occupied West Bank and inside the pre-1967 borders of Israel. And to hold back this rising tide, the Israeli authorities are stepping up their acts of provocation and repression.

The Israeli leadership is obviously in disarray over how to handle the growing nationalist spirit in the Arab community. The clearest manifestation of this was the resignation last week of Mr. Moshe Sharon, the prime minister's "adviser for Arab affairs"—a post which he has called obsolete.

Much of what Mr. Sharon says, about improving social and educational conditions for "Israel's Arabs," and about raising the standards of employment for Arabs above the level of "Arab servitude for Jewish masters" could be a calculated political ploy designed to denote a "diversity of opinion" on which Israel always prides itself. But his resignation can be taken as a sign of cracks within the Likud government. And he does join a select handful of disaffected critics from within the Israeli establishment who profess to be troubled at the growing potential Arab "militancy" and who agonise over the proper measures to be taken—all within a Zionist framework, of course—to head it off.

More telling are the outright acts of official terrorism now being practised by the occupation authorities on the West Bank against the peaceful and civil acts of the Arab population there. Old bans and restrictions are being taken out and dusted off; new ones are being imposed and enforced. And in instances such as that involving the Jewish use of the Ibrahim mosque in Hebron, the occupation forces are taking the role of *agents provocateurs*.

What the Israelis are confronting is the inevitable result of their attempts to achieve a total domination over the occupied territories within the respectable framework of the Camp David accords. For the moment, it will suit their devious purposes to encourage a "rejectionist" attitude among the Arabs, and to play on it in order to tighten their grip. But in the end, the world will see quite clearly on whose side truth and justice lie. The present wave of repression can only raise the price that will have to be paid eventually.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian newspapers on Saturday expressed exasperation at U.S. Senator Frank Church's attack on Saudi Arabia as a "detriment to peace" in the Middle East.

AL RA'I says that after becoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Church, well-known for his Zionist leanings, came out to shake his fist in the face of Saudi Arabia, demanding that the Carter administration review its policy towards Riyadh.

Senator Church's threats to Saudi Arabia hardly differ from Israel's threats to this country and other Arab countries. Saudi Arabia, the newspaper continues, was at no time in need of the United States. In fact it is the other way round. Saudi Arabia has maintained the balance of the dollars which has lost its leverage in all parts of the world. It has persuaded the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to keep oil prices within the American-accepted limits, despite their huge losses in oil earnings and reserves. It has kept its petrodollar reserves floating in the American markets to bolster the staggering U.S. economy. In spite of all this, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee calls for cancellation of the American aircraft purchase deal with Saudi Arabia, which can buy from all world markets without strings attached. Now the question is: "Who is threatening whom? And who needs whom in the chess game in the American Congress?" the newspaper asks.

In its turn, AL DUSTOUR says that while the Middle East is passing through a critical stage, Senator Frank Church suddenly takes the platform of the Zionist B'nai B'rith organisation to launch an inflammatory attack on the Arabs who refused to be driven onto the Camp David bandwagon, calling on President Carter's administration to lean on Saudi Arabia and threatening to block its aircraft purchase deal on the false pretext that Saudi Arabia is obstructing peace efforts in the area.

Senator Church also asked the U.S. government not to allow the "Jordanian-Palestinian hesitation over the Camp David process to slow it down". Senator Church's pronouncements appear to indicate that he is still thinking in the outdated imperialist mentality. Surely his bombastic remarks and instigations will not scare the Arabs, but only do disservice to and embarrass his countrymen, the newspaper writes.

If Senator Church wants the U.S. to do the clothes of a policeman in the Middle East he must know that "there is no place for an American policeman in our area. Sufficient for it is the Israeli thief who still receives support and pet treatment from the U.S."

In his daily column "Words" in Al Rai, Jum'a Hamad says the Arabs should face the fact that the Israeli violation of the sanctity of the Ibrahim mosque in Hebron is a "rehearsal" of what they intend to do with Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

Referring to recent attempts by some Jews to pray in the Hebron mosque, which is a purely Muslim shrine, Mr. Hamad says that in addition to setting Al Aqsa on fire, the Israelis have long been digging under the foundation of this mosque on the pretext of discovering old finds.

"We must face the bitter fact that Zionism now controls the entire Holy Land and plants it with settlements," Mr. Hamad points out. He urges the Arabs to make these harsh facts known to the Muslim world in order for these peoples to invoke their religious conscience regarding the humiliation done to their two holy places.

National News Roundup

International Monetary Fund team meets officials

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—A visiting mission from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) today called at the Central Bank, the Ministry of Labour and the Statistics Department. The team is preparing a report for the IMF on economic progress in Jordan during 1978 and expectations for this year.

Committee to study international bus service

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—Interior Minister Suleiman Arar today formed a committee to study requests for operating passenger bus service between Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Arab Gulf states, Turkey and a number of European countries. The committee includes the directors of the Motor Vehicles Licensing Department and the Traffic Department as well as the presidents of the drivers and vehicle owners associations.

Jordanian-Syrian committee begins meeting on unified land transport law

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—A joint Jordanian-Syrian committee entrusted with the task of working out a unified land transport law between the two countries started a five-days session at the Interior Ministry here today. The committee will form four specialised sub-committees to study provisions of the law. The Under-secretary of the Interior Ministry and head of Jordan's team 'Eid Abu Karaki said.

Grid linkage to be finished by end of March

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—Jordan's representatives on the Jordanian-Syrian joint electrical power subcommittee returned here yesterday at the end of a three-day meeting in Damascus. During the meeting, the subcommittee reviewed progress on the second phase of the electricity grid linkage between Jordan and Syria, the head of the Jordanian team and director of planning at the Jordan Electricity Authority, Mr. Ibrahim Badran, said on his return. He added that all pylons and electric lines between Damascus and the Syrian-Jordanian border have been laid, and work will now continue inside Jordanian territory, expected to be completed by the end of next month. All necessary administrative work and a transformer station have already been set up in the northern town of Irbid, Mr. Badran said. The Syrian-Jordanian subcommittee will hold its next meeting here early next May, he said.

Union of women's associations planned

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—Minister of Labour Isam Ajlouni said here today that his ministry plans to encourage the establishment of a union of women's associations in Jordan to represent women at local, regional and international gatherings. The minister was speaking at the opening of a training course organised by the ministry's Department of Women's Affairs for 25 women who intend to open their homes as nurseries. Mr. Ajlouni stressed the need for providing working women with basic services to help them carry out a fruitful role in society. During the four-day course, the participants will hear lectures on women and child health care, home economics, and cooperation among members of the society.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Art

The Haya Arts Centre presents an exhibition of Jordanian children's paintings and Indian children's hand crafts. The exhibition opens on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Art Exhibit

An exhibition of paintings by Mohammad Moustafa is on display at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth, starting Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Photo Exhibit

An exhibition of photos depicting two cities in the U.S.S.R., Novgorod and Pskov, is on display at the Soviet Cultural Centre during regular hours, starting Monday.

Painting Exhibit

The British Council presents an exhibition of watercolours and oil paintings by Clara Metzghagian. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and during regular hours in the afternoon, except Sunday.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Robert Bresson entitled "Au hazard Balhazard", at 7:30 p.m. French version with Arabic subtitles.

Book Exhibit

An exhibition of British medical journals is on display in the Reading Room of the British Council library. Open during regular library hours.

Painting and Drawing Exhibit

An exhibition of paintings and drawings by Ann Wiegand is on display at the American Centre. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RSS to receive \$20,000 Canadian grant

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, Feb. 3—A \$20,000 grant agreement is to be signed here tomorrow between the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS). The grant will finance a one-year study by the RSS on the impact of Jordanian investment laws on agricultural and industrial investment. Mr. Thomas Walsh, social science liaison officer for IDRC in the Middle East, said here today.

The visiting four-man IDRC delegation, which arrived here today on a three-day visit, is headed by the centre's president, Mr. Ivan Head. They will meet with Dr. Albert Butros Director General of the RSS, tomorrow for the signing of the agreement.

The new study will be the second financed by the IDRC. An agricultural project begun four years ago is nearing completion.

"We hope that the IDRC can enter into greater cooperation in supporting future policy research in Jordan," said Mr. Walsh. The centre provides research assistance for agricultural, health, social sciences and information sciences projects. The countries desiring assistance draw up the projects and the IDRC supplies the funding.

Today the delegation was briefed by Minister of Education Abdul Salam Majali on his ministry's efforts to promote scientific research in Jordan to serve as a basis for future educational development.

Tomorrow the delegation will also meet with the Director General of the National Planning Council, Mr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar.

Holiday marks Prophet's birthday

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—A communique issued by the prime minister's office today announced that all public institutions and government departments will be closed next Thursday February 8, 1979, on the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday.

Also on the occasion the Balqa governor issued a communique today ordering all bars, pubs and liquor stores to be closed as from Wednesday morning until Saturday evening.

Clubs, Societies, Sports Groups—let us know what you are doing

Our "What's going on" section needs YOUR help if it is going to be a success. It's the news of your clubs, your societies, your meetings and outings that are open to the public which appear in "What's going on." Help us to help you publicize your public events. Charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, commercial exhibitions... our readers are interested in your events. Please write us at P.O. Box 6714, telephone 67171 or even call in at our offices on the Amman-Sureidi road between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and tell us what's going on. The Jordan Times will publish free listings on the day of the event.

ANALYSIS

Britain: Decline and fall?

By Gwynne Dyer

LONDON—There is a great deal of ruin in a nation, and Britain has not yet "sunk giggling beneath the waves." However, since that phrase was coined in the 1960s when the first ominous gurglings were heard in the bilges of the British ship of state, the mood of the passengers has changed from giggling to snarling.

In fact, the headlines about "Britain Under Siege" rather overstate the case. Strikes by truck drivers, garbage collectors, railwaymen, ambulance drivers and so on create much inconvenience, but so far no one is "freezing in the dark," as much of the country was in the winters of 1973 and 1974. However, the "big battalions" of labour, the coal miners and power workers, have not entered the battle yet.

It is exactly five years since organised labour brought down Mr. Edward Heath's Conservative government by destroying his statutory incomes policy in a head-on confrontation. For the last three years, the Labour government has been trying to end the wave of inflation that followed the collapse of the Heath government by a more subtle version of the same policy, known as the "social contract."

As usual, it worked for a couple of years, and then the workers' demands for higher pay became too great for the unions to resist. Unlike five years ago, when the union leaders were happy to destroy the Conservative government, they are now anxious not to ruin Labour's chances for reelection. But they had to give in to pressure from below, or lose control of their unions.

As a result, the unions themselves are now committed to breaking the Labour government's 5 per cent pay policy. It took three hard years of strict wage control to bring Britain's inflation rate down to around 10 per cent—still much higher than most of its industrial competitors. But it will only take three months to destroy this achievement.

The "going rate" in wage settlements is now 15 per cent, and it is rising every week. It is likely to reach 25 per cent by the spring, which means inflation rising to an equivalent figure—or higher—within a year. And the most alarming thing is that this time, nobody seems to have any idea what to do about it.

The collapse of the Heath government in 1974 proved that a hard line did not work. The current destruction of Prime Minister James Callaghan's pay policy proves that Labour's much trumpeted ability to get along with the unions doesn't work either. Even the business community is doubtful that a new Conservative government under Margaret Thatcher could do any better.

U.S.-Arab chamber of commerce team to

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—A team representing the U.S.-Arab chamber of commerce in San Francisco is due here next Friday

of a four-day visit to Jordan. The team will discuss with officials at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and with the Fed-

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Children's pictures from Jordan, Indian costumes and dolls go on show Monday

By Thomas Cromwell

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Feb. 3—Handicrafts and native costumes modelled by Jordanian children have been flown in from India to go on display at a four-day exhibition which opens at the Haya Arts Centre here Monday afternoon under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

Sponsored by the Jordanian Indian Friendship Society, the exhibition will feature over 50 paintings by children from various parts of India, as well as 50 dolls which are twice as high as the children's costumes, modelled by Indian children, flown in specially for the occasion. These hand-crafted items represent the wealth in the Indian provinces. The exhibition will run from 4:30 p.m. Monday to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday to 4:30 p.m. Thursday. In addition to the paintings and dolls, a collection of Indian (English language) children's books will be exhibited. The children's exhibition represents the first function of the about 100 per cent membership society which was founded in October, 1978. The society is offering four medals as these circumstances for the best paintings.

And now the social artists were formed to select the best four pictures among those submitted. Its members are: Mr. Samia Zaru, now in the Ministry of Education, and Mr. Samia Zaru, now in the Ministry of Education, and Mr. Samia Zaru, now in the Ministry of Education. The exhibition will run through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on until the 11th, except Monday. The sponsor of the exhibition is the Indian Children's Competition held in New Delhi, India.

Now it is Jordan has entered pictures and can win a prize in this competition for 15 to 20 years in the past five years. This year, 200 or more pictures from Jordan are to be submitted, some of which are displayed at the exhibition. Government and UNRWA schools in Amman, offers an already forwarded most of the pictures to India. According to Aida Qattan, the exhibition organizer and executive member of the friendship society, the competition is sponsored by the Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Fund. It has been going since 1960 and children below the age of 16 years from 100 countries participate in it. India's first Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru, was very fond of children. His birthday, Nov. 14, is known in India as Children's Day. This competition takes its inspiration from Nehru.



"Oasis in Jordan" by Shurok Hamdan, age 14, from Amman, one of over 50 contributions to the children's exhibition to be opened by Her Majesty Queen Noor on Monday at the Haya Arts Centre. The exhibition is sponsored by the Jordanian Indian Friendship Society, and will include Indian dolls and native costumes, and a selection of children's books from the two countries. (Photos by Thomas Cromwell)



"Dabkah" by Zaynab Abdel Fatah, 13, of Amman.

"In the early Sixties, it started with 30 to 40 countries participating in the competition; now almost all countries participate in it. The prizes include two gold medals instituted by the president and the vice president of India and about 800 other gold and silver medals and certificates by the Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Fund.

"Shankar, whose name the competition takes, is a well known Indian cartoonist and artist.

"1979 being the International Year of the Child, the organisers propose to invite the top prizewinners—between 10 and 16

years of age—from different countries to receive their prizes in person at the prize distribution function to be held in Delhi in November, 1979. Their travel expenses will be met by the organisers."

Mrs. Qattan added that "the friendship society planned the Haya Centre exhibition for the beginning of this year so Jordanian entries for the Indian exhibition could first compete with each other locally and be enjoyed by the public here before being sent to India."

However, Ghaswa Shukry, head of art education at the Haya Centre, pointed out that "not all the paintings submitted to the Centre's exhibition meet the criteria for entries to the Shankar Competition. Local winners, therefore, may not have their pictures sent to India."

With all the interest and activity generated by this first exhibition, its institutionalisation as an annual event seems assured.

Authors' symposium urges wider distribution of Jordanian literature

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (J.T.)—The Symposium of Jordanian Authors and Men of Letters today concluded its meetings which were chaired by Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf.

The symposium was the first to be held in Jordan to discuss the state of the art of literature and means of promoting literature as an integral part of the cultural life of the country.

Over one hundred Jordanian writers, playwrights and literary figures participated in the discussion of a number of papers on Arabic literature in Jordan.

The participants agreed that to promote the publication of Arabic literature in Jordan it is not enough to set up publishing houses whether government-owned or private, but that improved means of distribution were crucial to make Jordanian literature available to readers all over the Arab World.

During the discussions at the symposium it had been pointed out that Jordan lacked large publishing houses similar to the ones in Egypt and Lebanon and that the Ministry of Culture was the closest equivalent to a publisher in Jordan.

It was also agreed that literary criticism must be developed to back and nourish the literary movement. Universities in Jordan were called on to introduce Jordanian literary figures to the public and to enlist their works in study courses.

It was explained that Jordanian poets and authors of research, literary studies and translations of other nations' literature enjoy good standing in the Arab World. The participants called on all men of letters to maintain close contact with their heritage, values and history but to be open to other nations' cultures and literary output.

It was stated that the literary movement was enhanced with the establishment of the Ministry of Culture and Youth and better results would be arrived at if all cultural institutions and news media in Jordan were to cooperate.

Cultural institutions were urged to back the literary movement in the occupied West Bank. The participants concluded their closing

session by extending their appreciation to the Ministry of Culture and Youth and to Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf who chaired the symposium.

King Hussein presides at military ceremony

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (JNA)—His Majesty King Hussein presided at a graduating ceremony of the tenth security and protection course of the Royal Guard Regiment yesterday.

The King and the audience witnessed a series of practical training.

At the end of the ceremony which was attended by the prime minister, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces and top ranking officers, His Majesty distributed certificates and prizes.

UNRWA employees action group will fly to Vienna Feb. 7 for talks in answer to appeal by Waldheim

By Serene Farraj
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Feb. 3—The action group representing the employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in host countries for Palestinian refugees will fly to Vienna Feb. 7 to try to resolve the dispute between the employees and the UNRWA administration, the head of the action group, Mr. Muleh Abu Sweira told the Jordan Times today.

United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today sent a cable to the head of the action group appealing to the group to respond to UNRWA Commissioner General Thomas McElhiney's call for unpreconditioned negotiations with the UNRWA administration in a bid to reach an agreement on the existing conflict. Dr. Waldheim said in his telegram that good intentions would certainly lead to a solution.

The secretary general explained that he was following the developments of the situation and affirmed that he was concerned with solving the conflict between the UNRWA administration and the employees.

The action group, which represents the agency's employees in Syria, Lebanon, the East Bank of Jordan, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, has been meeting here for the past three days to debate plans for an open strike beginning Feb. 10.

The acting Commissioner General of UNRWA, Mr. Alan Brown, is already in Amman and has met the action group. He conveyed to them an invitation from Mr. McElhiney to visit Vienna on Feb. 7-10 for talks to try to resolve the dispute before the open strike begins. Mr. McElhiney has promised to meet them for three hours every day beginning Feb. 7.

In his reply to Dr. Waldheim, Mr. Abu Sweira thanked the secretary general for his concern with the problem, saying that the action group would negotiate with administration in Vienna on Feb. 7.

He stated that the group's willingness to do this stems from trust in the secretary general despite the fact that good faith does not exist between employees and the UNRWA administration.

Mr. Abu Sweira requested Waldheim to sponsor the talks between the two parties delegating a representative to attend the discussions so he could form an exact understanding of the positions of both parties.

The action group today met with the delegates of the host countries, the PLO and the Arab League, who are holding their own meetings in Amman, to explain the employees' point of view on the subject in dispute.

The delegates expressed their full backing for the employees' promise to use their good offices to help solve the problem. Mr. Abu Sweira said.

They also pledged to convey the whole matter to His Highness Crown Prince Hassan during his meeting with him this afternoon. The Prince, it was stated, showed full understanding of the problem.

Earlier this morning the action group met with Mr. Brown, but results of the meeting were not available. The employees accused Mr. Brown of inflexibility during discussions. A hour later Mr. Brown left the meeting explaining that he had an appointment at the British embassy, Mr. Abu Sweira concluded.

The employees are protesting the proposed phasing out of the cost of living allowances until the salaries become comparable to those of local government employees. They demand to be compared to other U.N. employees, not civil servants in the countries where they work. They also protesting cuts in food rations and reductions in educational services to the refugees.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	3,314	6,550	6,570	6,550
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	3,240	—	2,210	2,180
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,759	—	—	17,250
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	232	1,150	1,170	1,160
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	3,438	1,800	1,850	1,800
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	3,233	2,030	—	2,030
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	188	0,940	0,960	0,940
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	210	—	1,340	1,340
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	1,116	0,920	—	0,930
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	1,567	0,940	0,980	0,980
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	219	—	—	0,730
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	36	0,710	0,750	0,720

Total volume traded, Saturday, Feb. 3: JD 18,552

Total number of shares traded: 9,375

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume Traded	Number traded	Year of maturity	Selling price
Government Development Bonds	JD 5,000	251	49	1980	5,130
	JD 5,000	1,282	254	1982	5,050
	JD 10,000	410	40	1988	10,250

Total volume traded: JD 1,943

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U.K. sterling	590.00/594.00
West German mark	157.90/158.90
Swiss franc	174.40/175.50
French franc	68.80/69.20
Italian lire	35.20/35.40
(for every 100)	
Japanese yen	147.80/148.70
(for every 100)	
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(for every ten)	
Swedish crown	67.50/67.90

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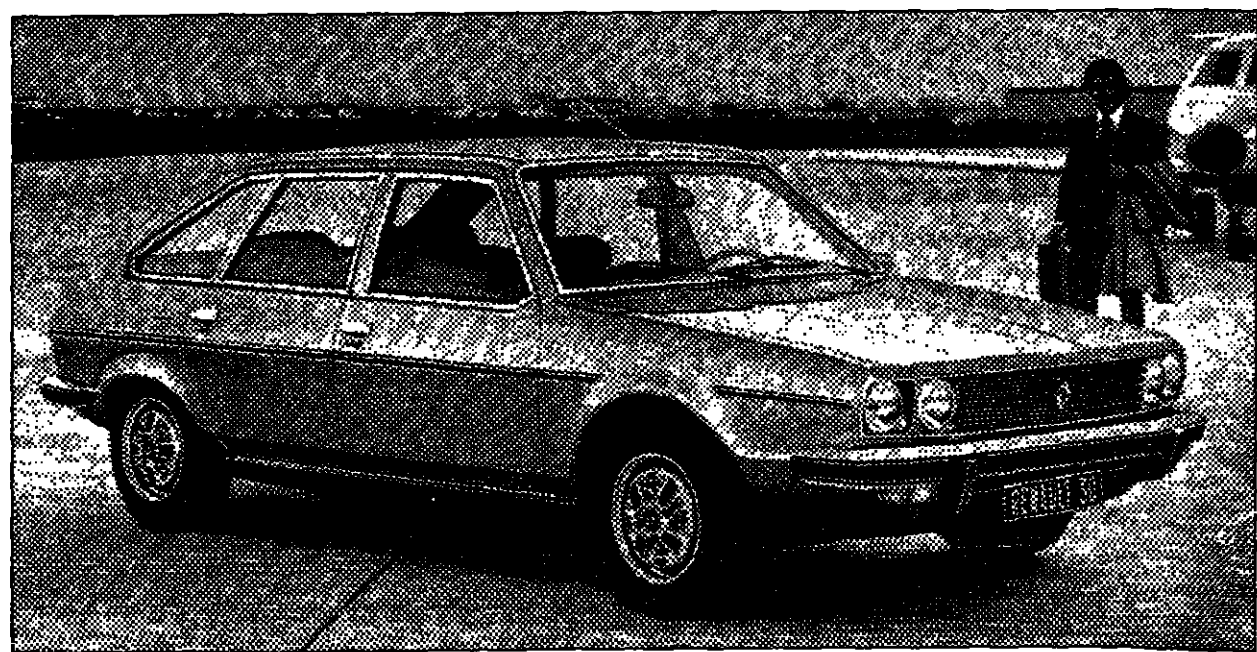
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Voice transmission and reproduction becomes efficient



By Professor William Gosling

Most radio and telephone networks convey the voice by converting it to a continuously varying electrical current, replicated at a distant point following radio or wire transmission. However, a new way of transmitting the voice, as a string of numbers, has been gaining acceptance recently.

The system works like this: instead of trying to transmit a continuous electrical wave, its value is sampled many thousands of times a second and the instantaneous value of the current at each sampling is measured by an automatic circuit, converting it to a number. Thus a continuous speech wave is converted into a string of numbers.

Obviously, if we transmit these numbers, it is a fairly straightforward matter at the receiving end, to change them back into an electrical wave and reconstruct the speech. The technical name for the technique is pulse code modulation—PCM for short—and it is being adopted by telephone networks all over the world.

Once we deal with numbers rather than continuous waves, we can use the electronic techniques developed for computers. This makes it possible to keep the transmission almost free from noise and distortion, both of which are evident with the older method

of transmission on all but the best circuits.

Switching the voice from one line to another, as in a telephone exchange, also is made much easier. A major reason for this is that microelectronic techniques, which make electronic equipment 1000 times cheaper to build than only a few years ago, work best with number form signals.

Finally, those who want privacy for their conversations—and businessmen increasingly feel this need—are served best by a digital transmission system. It becomes possible to encrypt the speech by swapping one number for another in accordance with a code book.

Although there are major advantages, there is one serious snag. With PCM—or any other closely related system—the numbers have to be generated very quickly if the speech is to be of reasonable quality.

As is generally known, our ordinary one-to-ten system of numbers is not used in computers. They are more satisfactorily organised about binary numbers, in which everything is represented as strings of ones and zeros. Everyday numbers are easily converted into binary form, and the rate at which numbers occur is expressed in binary digits (or "bits") per second.

Speech encoded using PCM requires 56,000 bits per second for

telephone quality. The military, (which accepts poorer speech quality), uses 16,000 bits per second. Both are very high figures, since we know from physiological considerations that the information needed to generate speech is perhaps only 100 bits per second. So for more than a quarter of a century the hunt has been on for a more economical method of digitising speech. Devices that do this are called vocoders.

The trouble with PCM is that in a sense it is too versatile. It can transmit absolutely anything and makes no use of our knowledge about human speech, and the character and limitations of the sound people actually make when they talk. If we can exploit our knowledge of these limitations—actually they are quite severe—on the ability of humans to produce or perceive sounds, then the information that we have to signal is enormously reduced.

So far so good. The difficulty is to know what properties of speech can be assumed and how they can be incorporated in a vocoder. Many attempts have been made, and vocoders have been produced giving a recognisable voice with data rates as low as 2000 bits per second. The trouble is that they are very complicated. Even using microelectronic construction they typically cost £10,000 for each end of a telephonic link. This is far too much for widespread use, although acceptable in some critical situations.

At the University of Bath in southwest England a research team recently announced a new approach to the vocoder problem which promises much simpler equipment. Instead of considering the speech waveform point by point as in PCM, it is broken up into a series of short segments. Provided this is done in accordance with certain simple rules,

the resulting waveform segments are of a limited range of shape. A microcomputer can identify each shape, and assign a number to it, as well as its duration. Thus the digital for each speech segment is only of a shape code together with a duration code. In practice five binary digits may be used to transmit each segment. In a PCM transmission more binary digits are required to specify even one point, and would be many points in a segment.

The new system, called encoded speech or TES, is a good voice reproduction with 5000 bits per second and is every prospect that with sophistication the rate is reduced further. Because converted into computer codes the system leads to further processing, for example increase or decrease in speaking without changing voice timbre, or processing into female voices and vice versa. A more distant prospect is the possibility that the technique could be used for speech recognition of speech commands by machines.

A strong point of TES is easily converted to and from so that it could be incorporated into telephone systems presently using PCM and not require wholesale changes. It would greatly improve efficiency of existing encoded voice systems, a data transmission rate factor.

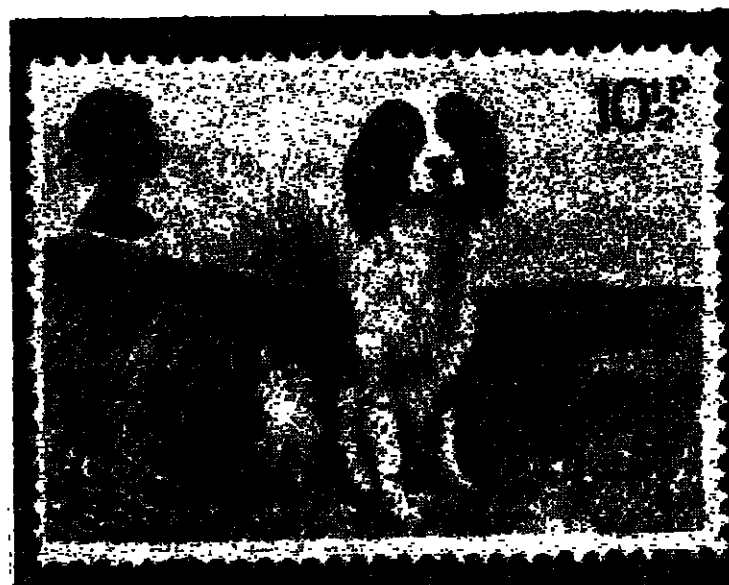
Wherever the human voice is transmitted, stored, reproduced or processed, TES is a force to be reckoned with. It promises big technical gains, and at a probable cost of long run of tens rather than thousands of pounds.

Professor William Gosling of the University of Bath demonstrates the time encoded speech equipment. The technique is emerging as a force to be reckoned with wherever the human voice is to be transmitted, stored, reproduced or processed.

English canines delight philatelists



Old English Sheepdog



Welsh Springer Spaniel



West Highland Terrier



Irish Setter

Four favourite breeds of British dogs are featured on this set of special stamps—the first to be issued by Britain's Post Office in 1979. Pictured in an appropriate landscape are an Old English Sheepdog (9 pence), a Welsh Springer Spaniel (10½ pence), a West Highland Terrier (11 pence), and an Irish Setter (13 pence). The set will be issued on February 7 to coincide with the famous Cruft's Dog Show in London. It continues the Post Office's popular animal series of stamps introduced by the British

wildlife issue of 1977. The dogs' issue is a first in stamp design for 43-year-old Peter Barret whose paintings and book illustrations on wildlife have earned him an international reputation. His work is particularly in demand throughout the UK, in USA and France. Four colourful stamps are produced by Harrison and Sons (Wycombe) Limited in gravure. Horizontal in they measure 41 millimetres with 15 perforations.

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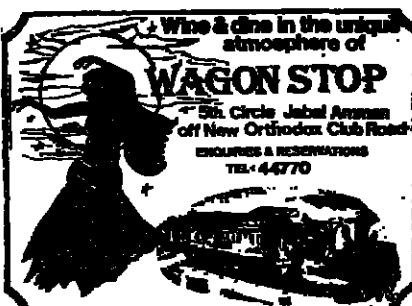
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K football: Liverpool move up to 1st place

LONDON, Feb. 3 (R)—Results of today's English and Scottish football league matches were:

English Division One
 Arsenal 2, Ipswich Town 1
 Chelsea 2, Birmingham City 1
 Leeds United 1, Coventry City 0
 Liverpool 2, West Bromwich Albion 1
 Manchester United 0, Arsenal 2
 Middlesbrough 1, Nottingham Forest 3

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 4, 1979

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RIGTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You may be tempted to make a commitment to others today which would be most unwise. Your time is best spent studying ethical, philosophical and spiritual thought.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You want to increase your present abundance, but this is not the day to take definite further steps, but fine for studying and making plans.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Show your devotion to speaking words by helping them with their affairs. Your intuition voice, intuitive, accurate at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A good day for meditation and to put aside worldly matters for the time being.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take time to study your true desires and plan just how to attain them.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure to study a community so that you can air well before you attempt to handle it. Know your present status in life and take steps to improve it.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take time to study a new would object before making plans to put it in operation. Make it a business to find out who and what you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't try to renege on some data transference you made or you could find yourself in a mess of facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A situation arises today requires you to change your attitude, and it is to your interest that you do. Be wise.

AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are now able to return a favor which another has done for you in the X-press happiness.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study new interests could give you added abundance in the days ahead.

QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't upset anyone at a party, especially in the afternoon since others are in a dry mood. Make plans for the future.

ISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A time to relax and enjoy self and remove any tensions you may have. Make as to improve your career in some way.

OREN BRIDGE

CHARLES H. GOREN
 by Chicago Tribune

South deals.
 NORTH
 ♠ A 10 8
 ♥ A 9 4 3
 ♦ A 10 9 2
 ♣ 10 6

EAST
 ♠ 7 5 4 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 3 8 6 4
 ♣ K 8 7 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ Q 10 8 6 5 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A Q J

West North East
 Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 Lead: King of ♣

It's a chance for you to play a safety play in ♠. Or should he play in an attempt to drop ♠? Or should he lead in the hope of dropping a singleton jack East hand? h's jump to Blackwood title aggressive, for it have resulted in a slam off the ace-trumps. As it turned, the final contract was a proposition, siding only the

trump suit, the best chance to avoid a loser to cash the ace. That works if either defender has a singleton king, which is double the odds of finding East specifically with the bare jack.

Declarer also has the option of guaranteeing himself no more than one trump loser via a safety play. He simply leads low from either hand and covers whichever card the defender produces. This will neutralize all 3-0 splits.

Which line did you choose? The answer is neither. Declarer doesn't know how to play the trump suit until he discovers whether or not he has a club loser—he must eventually take the finesse in that suit.

Correct technique is to win the ace of diamonds and lead a club to the jack. If this loses, declarer cannot afford to lose a trump. Therefore, he should then play the percentages by leading a trump to the ace, hoping to drop the king.

If the club finesse wins, the contract is secure provided declarer loses no more than one trump trick. So now he should employ the safety play. He leads a low trump and when West follows with the seven, declarer inserts dummy's nine. If East wins, the ace will pick up the outstanding trump. As the cards lie, East fails to follow, but the contract is still safe.

Forest 3
 Norwich City 0, Bolton Wanderers 0
 Southampton 1, Derby County 2
 Tottenham Hotspur 0, Manchester City 3
 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Everton 0

English Division Four

English Division Two
 Brighton and Hove Albion 3, Leicester City 1
 Cambridge United 0, Luton Town 0
 Notts County 1, Charlton Athletic 0

Orient 2, Newcastle United 0
 Sunderland 3, Burnley 1

All other scheduled English Division One and Two and Scottish Premier Division matches postponed.

English Division Three

Gillingham 2, Blackpool 0

Aldershot 2, Scanthorpe United 0
 Bournemouth 7, Doncaster Rovers 1
 Grimsby Town 2, Huddersfield Town 1
 Hereford United 1, York City 0
 Torquay United against Reading, evening kickoff
 Wigan Athletic 2, Portsmouth 0
 Wimbledon 3, Rochdale 2

Scottish Division One

Hamilton Academical 3, Ayr United 1
 Kilmarnock 3, St. Johnstone 2

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ELROD

FEMAL

MISTEK

CLUDAN

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "O O O O - O O O O"

Yesterday's Jumbles: VYING UNCAP STUDIO BONNET

Answer: What the guy who thought he was investing all his money in honeybees got—"STUNG"

THE BETTER HALF

By Bai

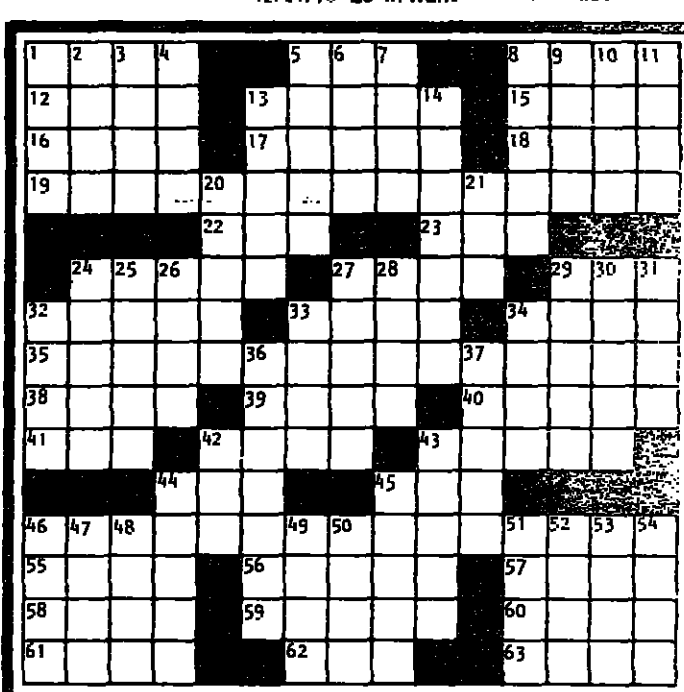


"You've got just 30 minutes to get that face rearranged for the girls at the office."

THE Daily Crossword

by Sidney L. Robbins

ACROSS	27 Pari-mutuel machine	45 Greek resistance movement	21 Adam's rib
1 Celtic	29 -- relief	46 Words on a picture	24 "There is... in the..."
5 Neighbor of Ga.	32 Got up	55 Stir up	25 Sitter
8 Ladder rung	33 Extinct bird	56 Climbing vine	26 London district
12 Guthrie	34 Knot or cover	57 Rim	27 of Babel
13 Urie and Spinks	35 Words on a picture	58 Hebrew month	28 Czech river
15 Piece of gossip	40 Nuzzled	60 Type	29 Hallowed
16 Beginning	41 Mal de --	61 Confined	30 Buenos --
17 Declaim	42 After gang or tip	62 His: Fr.	31 Raced
18 Skating maneuver	43 Has a session	63 Baobab, for one	32 Glide
19 Words on a picture	44 Corrode		33 Actress
22 Long fish			34 Tire
23 Hall			35 Win a debate over
24 Church sections			37 Opponent
			38 Everyone's uncle
			39 Householder women
			40 Put forth
			41 Low-class laborers
			42 of yore
			43 Springe
			44 Secrete
			45 Vigorous spirit
			46 Reformer Jacob
			47 Songbird
			48 Smith
			49 Stop laboring
			50 Boring
			51 Monster
			52 Allot

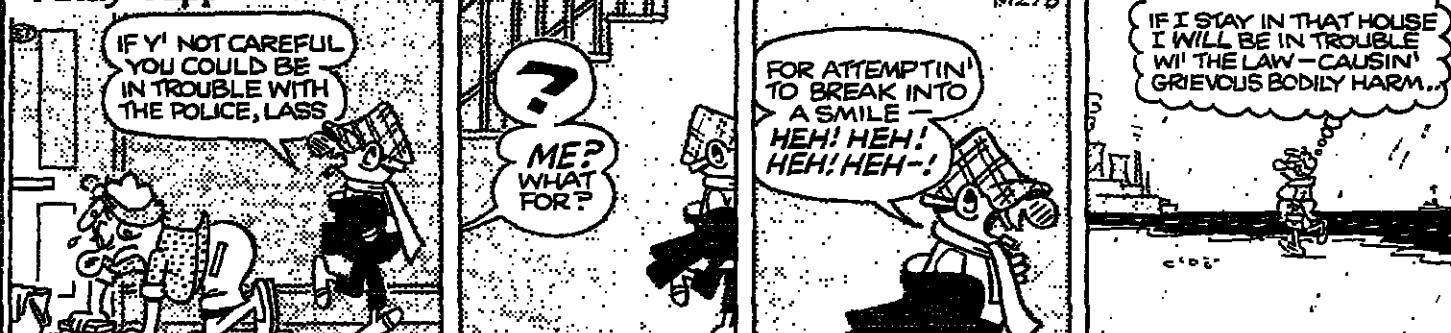


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Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Flinstones



JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 6
5:30 Quran	6:30 French programme
5:45 Cartoons	7:30 News in French
6:00 Children's programme	7:30 News in Hebrew
6:30 Quran	8:30 Comedy
7:10 Programme on arts	9:10 News Five - O
8:00 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
8:30 Arabic series	10:15 Lilla
9:10 Arabic programme	
10:15 Lilla	
11:00 News in Arabic	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on	14:00 News bulletin
7:30 Morning show	14:10 Music
7:50 News Bulletin	14:30 Country Music
7:50 Morning show	15:00 Concert hour
10:00 News Headlines	16:00 News summary
10:03 Morning show	16:03 Pedagogical pop
10:30 Arabian Nights	16:30 Old favourites
11:00 Signing off	17:00 Happy Journey
12:00 Sign on and news headlines	17:30 Listener's choice
12:03 Radiotheque	18:00 News summary
13:00 News summary	18:03 Jordan Weekly
13:00 News summary	18:30 30 minutes of Jazz
13:03 Radiotheque	19:00 News Bulletin
	19:10 Music
	19:30 Sign off

BBC RADIO

GMT	13:30 Short Story
04:00 Newsday	13:45 Saudi Jones Requests
04:30 Book programme	14:30 News from my Grandfather's
04:45 News, Ideas, Reflections	14:30 Newsday
05:00 News from Review	15:15 Concert Hall
05:15 Letters	16:00 News, Commentary
05:30 English Song	16:15 Our own Correspondent
05:45 Letter from America	16:45 Where Angels Fear to Tread
06:00 Newsday	17:00 News, Book Choice
06:30 Tony Martin Requests	17:15 My Word
07:00 News, News about Britain	17:45 Sportsday
07:15 Our Own Correspondent	18:00 News, News about Britain
07:30 Drama of Britain	18:00 The Frontiers of Endurance
07:45 World Radio Club	19:00 Piano Solo
08:00 News, Reflections	19:15 Radio Theatre
08:15 The Pleasure of the Young	20:00 News, Commentary
08:30 News from Review	20:30 Sunday Half-hour
08:45 People and Politics	21:00 Letter box
09:30 Overrun, Look Ahead	21:15 Magical Mystery Tour
09:45 Sports Review	21:45 Come Here
10:15 Talk One	22:00 News, Notes from an Observer
10:30 Sunday Service	22:15 Our Own Correspondent
11:00 News, News about Britain	22:40 Reflections
11:15 Our Own Correspondent	22:45 Open Call
11:30 Play of the Week	23:00 News, Commentary
12:30 Open Star	
13:00 News, Commentary	
13:15 Letter from America	

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	18:30 Music USA (Standards)
03:30 The Breakfast Show	18:00 News and Topical Reports
06:30 News on the hour and 30 min. after each hour	19:15 News Horizons
17:00 News and New Products (USA)	19:30 Issues in the News
17:15 Crisis Choice	20:00 Special English: Newswords and their stories
17:30 Studio One	20:15 The Concert Hall
18:00 Special English: News Words and their stories, feature "People in America"	21:00 News and New Products USA
	21:15 Crisis Choice
	21:30 Studio One

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:	DEPARTURES:
7:50 Cairo (EA)	6:30 Aqaba
8:00 Jeddah	8:00 Beirut
8:15 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJGF)	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
8:20 Aqaba	8:55 Cairo (EA)
10:20 Beirut	9:00 Frankfurt
11:50 Kuwait (KAC)	9:30 Rome
11:55 Knowledge (BA)	10:00 Larnaca, Athens
12:40 Riyadh (SDI)	10:30 Cairo
16:00 Cairo	12:25 London (BA)
17:30 Paris, Beirut (AF)	12:45 Kuwait (KAC)
18:00 London, Paris	13:00 Cairo
18:15 Rome	13:45 Riyadh (SDI)
18:30 Cairo	20:30 Baghdad
18:45 Athens, Larnaca	21:00 Jeddah
19:00 Beirut (MEA)	22:30 Kuwait, Dhahran
19:15 Frankfurt	23:59 Bahrain, Bangkok
19:20 Brussels, Amsterdam	
22:45 Copenhagen, Geneva	
02:00 Cairo (EA)	

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Al Amman (39738)
Amman:	Salman (56779)
Farhan Qasab (30699)	Falastini (25216)
Muhammad Kamil (41277)	Iraki
Iraki	Al Magharyeh
Said Dahmash (2656)	Zargi
Dr. Abdul Fattah (82127)	Dalal
Pharmacies:	Al Quds (39655)
Amman:	Talal (25021)
Madrasah	Al Mahd (25038)
Al A'mash (37055)	Al Baw (61028)

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37009
Goethe Institute	41093
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Spanish Cultural Centre	34401
Hays Arts Centre	65195
Hussein Youth City	67181
Y.W.C.A.	41783
Y.W.M.C.A.	64251
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Clash Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24391-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah covering patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency	31111, 37777
Airport information (AJIA)	55205
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124
Fire, fire, police	1
Fire headquarters	25090

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Haura Theatre	Tel. 236-448
Al Shab' Art Gallery	228-527
American Centre	552-562
Arab Cultural Centre	333-727
British Cultural Centre	337-901
Deutscher Demokratischer Republik Cultural Centre	333-932
French Cultural Centre	330-694
Kalbiya Theatre	114-854
National Museum	225-650
Soviet Cultural Centre	334-003
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-003
United Art Gallery	334-019
Zahraa Public Library	111-318

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	118-339
Electric Power Co. (emergency)	223-887
Fire headquarters	91
Information	9997
Municipal water service	113-500

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U.S. expected to urge Thailand to stay out of Cambodia fighting

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (R)—The United States will encourage Thailand to stay out of the fighting in neighboring Kampuchea (Cambodia) when Thai premier Kriangsak Chamanand confers with the Carter administration next week, according to U.S. officials.

Thailand is under pressure from China to offer sanctuary to forces of the Kampuchean Government toppled last month by Vietnamese-led insurgents, the officials said.

"The question now is whether Thailand is going to become a sanctuary for the Khmer Rouge and a resupply base," a senior U.S. official said. "If they're wise they will avoid choosing one side or another."

General Kriangsak, who is due here tomorrow, will receive pledges of American political support during talks with President Carter next Tuesday and then meet businessmen in New York and Los Angeles.

But the government officials ruled out any restoration of American defenses for Thailand.

Moves toward dialogue in North, South Korea seen as related to U.S.-China ties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (R)—Recent moves towards a new dialogue between North and South Korea are clearly related to the establishment of normal relations between China and the United States, U.S. officials believe.

The moves also reflect China's ascendancy over its communist rival, the Soviet Union, for influence in North Korea, the officials said.

But they added that they were still uncertain whether recent public statements from the two countries—divided by three decades of bitter enmity—would lead to a reopening of talks on peaceful reunification or what could be achieved if they did.

"The Thais have no illusions of returning to the tight security relationship with the United States of the early 1970s," the senior official told Reuters. "They'll have to live with an uneasy situation. What Thailand needs above all is concrete indications of strong support and the confidence of the Western private sector."

The overthrow last month of the government of Prime Minister Pol Pot aroused considerable concern in Thailand when Vietnamese troops approached the Thai border. The most serious incident was an attack on Thai territory, apparently inadvertently, by a Vietnamese aircraft.

The United States then attempted to show its support for Thailand both in public and in a private diplomatic initiative.

President Carter affirmed American support for Thailand's territorial integrity at a news conference on Jan. 17. "We are very interested in seeing the integrity of Thailand protected—the borders not endangered or even threatened by the insurgent troops from Vietnam in Cambodia," he said.

The United States also boosted its military credit sales to Thailand to \$30 million from the previously announced \$24 million as well as speeding up the delivery of arms already in the pipeline.

In private, American diplomats firmly told the Soviet Union and Vietnam that it was seriously concerned about the threat to Thailand. Since then the Vietnamese have stayed 15-20 kilometers from the Thai border.

The situation in Indochina following the Cambodian events seriously concerns the Carter administration and was discussed during talks with Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping marking the start of diplomatic relations.

Mr. Deng deeply worried the administration by telling reporters that China might have to teach the Vietnamese what he called some necessary lessons.

The Chinese leader also said there had been "necessary troop movements" of Chinese forces towards the Vietnamese border, but promised that China would not act rashly.

State Department officials said China had massed a very large concentration of troops near the border with Vietnam. "Obviously the overthrow of their ally (the Pol Pot government) has caused a loss of face for China in the region," a high official said. "We just don't know what they plan to do. We have urged all parties to show maximum restraint."



Success with an early attempt at flying

Albrecht Berblinger went down in aviation history as the Tailor of Uhm. After promising results in practice, Mr. Berblinger's attempt to fly in public in 1811 failed. His aircraft has now been reconstructed and has proved capable of flying. Klaus Tandler, a well-known hang-gliding instructor, has tried the craft several times and has flown it as a stunt man in a film. (Dad photo)

Ousted Cambodian regime claims Khmer Rouge attacking many areas

BANGKOK, Feb. 3 (R)—The ousted Kampuchean (Cambodian) government claimed today that its troops were attacking Vietnamese-led forces in many areas including points in and around the capital Phnom Penh and near the port of Kompong Som.

Its radio station, thought to be broadcasting from southern China, indicated that the toughest fighting was in Kampuchea's southern and southwestern regions. Informed sources believe this is where some of the biggest loyalist Khmer Rouge units are operating.

The radio said Khmer Rouge troops occupied a kerosene factory in Kompong Som last Tuesday and were advancing towards the dock at Kampuchea's only deep-sea port—a crucial area for ferrying in supplies from outside. It mentioned attacks all around Phnom Penh and ambushes in the capital itself.

The radio broadcasts daily battle reports that informed diplomatic sources here say seem accurate in pinpointing the location of clashes and raids, although their scale may often appear exaggerated.

The new Vietnamese-backed administration in Phnom Penh gives no reports of fighting and claims to have won total victory in Kampuchea.

The loyalist radio, by contrast, today listed eight separate areas of conflict. It claimed successes against enemy troops in three northern provinces, with at least 60 Vietnamese troops killed.

Vietnam denies having any troops in Kampuchea and last week described reports of continuing attacks by forces loyal to

the ousted pro-Chinese government of Premier Pol Pot as an "imaginary guerrilla war" invented in Peking.

Meanwhile, a reporter of Bangkok's Nation Review newspaper, who recently crossed into Kampuchea, today described the Khmer Rouge resistance as a "militant cocktail-against-tank war." The reporter, who reached a Khmer Rouge military camp, said his first impression was of high spirits among the loyalist groups holding out in areas near the Thai border.

China, Vietnam trade border attack charges

HONG KONG, Feb. 3 (R)—China today accused Vietnamese soldiers of crossing the border and killing four Chinese border guards and wounding seven others in two incidents yesterday.

This brings to 12 the number of Chinese killed by Vietnamese in a series of bloody border incidents the past few days.

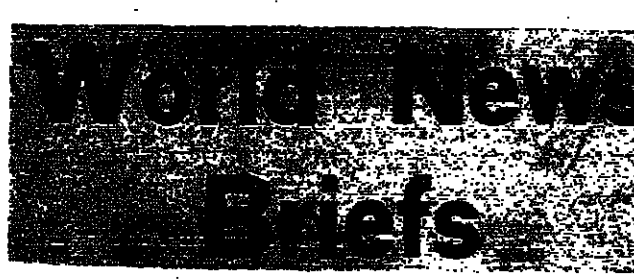
The New China News Agency (NCNA) said Vietnamese troops crossed into southern Yunnan province and opened fire on Chinese border guards, shooting four dead and wounding five.

In another incident in Guangxi (Kwangsi) province, two Chinese soldiers were wounded when

mines laid by Vietnamese exploded, the agency added.

But the official Vietnamese News Agency today made similar accusations against China. It said Chinese soldiers had killed two Vietnamese "in armed intrusions and attacks" over the past few days, and had kidnapped seven people.

The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry lodged a protest note with the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi yesterday, calling on the Chinese to end what it called "the criminal acts they have committed against the Vietnamese people." The news agency quoted the note as saying the Chinese attacks had taken place in the border province of Lai Chau.



Non-aligned meet slams Western powers

MAPUTO, Feb. 3 (R)—Foreign ministers and senior officials from 25 non-aligned nations yesterday condemned the five Western powers for failing to prevent South African-supervised elections in Namibia (South West Africa) last December. The delegates, concluding an eight-day conference of the non-aligned movement's Coordinating Bureau on Southern Africa, also called on their heads of state to give the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance full membership of the movement at their Havana summit next September. The final communiqué, though milder than the draft originally put forward by the host country, Mozambique, reaffirmed the backing of the 86 non-aligned states for the efforts of liberation movements of the region to achieve majority rule.

BP announces further oil delivery cuts

LONDON, Feb. 3 (R)—British Petroleum (BP) said today it is cutting its crude oil deliveries by 45 per cent for the first quarter compared to its previously announced cut of 35 per cent because of the continuing loss of Iranian oil. A spokesman noted the last crude oil shipments left Iran on Dec. 26. Iran supplies some 40 per cent of BP's needs. He added it would take many weeks for Iranian oil exports to return to normal after any political settlement there. Oil industry sources commented that BP's heavy reliance on Iranian oil supplies leave the company much more vulnerable than the other major Western oil concerns. BP holds a 40 per cent interest, the largest stake, in the Western consortium which ships oil from Iran.

Rhodesian guerrillas release 4 prisoners

MAPUTO, Feb. 3 (R)—Rhodesian nationalist guerrillas yesterday freed four white men captured in Rhodesia during the past years, the first time they have released prisoners since the start of the guerrilla war more than six years ago.

The men—two Britons, a Rhodesian and a South African—were handed over to representatives of the human rights organisation Amnesty International in the Mozambique capital.

The men were well-dressed and relaxed during the ceremony presided over by Robert Mugabe, president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), whose forces had captured them.

The four were Johannes Hendrick Martins, 55, a South African; John Kennerley, 19, Rhodesian; Thomas Arthur Wigglesworth, 66, and James Black, 45, both British.

Mr. Martins and Mr. Wigglesworth, describing their long trek into captivity in Mozambique, said there had been very little of the good discipline and high morale of their guerrilla captors.

Rhodesian blacks stifled by economic barriers in spite of desegregation

SALISBURY, Feb. 3 (R)—New laws yesterday formally removed racial discrimination in Rhodesia, but there was no dancing in the streets to mark the occasion.

A package of eight bills, signed into law by Acting President Jack Pitso, ended official segregation in housing, education, health services and public places. Yet economic barriers remained. Most of Rhodesia's 6.8 million blacks are too poor to take advantage of their new legal rights. Life in Rhodesia, where separation of the races has been the norm since the first conquering whites arrived almost a century ago, appeared to continue much as before.

Blacks will now be able to attend white government schools providing they own or lease property in appropriate areas, speak good English and can afford it fees—which have suddenly gone up by more than 200 per cent. Children of black domestic servants who live with their employers are thus barred.

Blacks will also be allowed into white hospitals, if they can afford the costs of treatment, beds and drugs which are also rising.

They can move into white suburbs, if they have the money. A black can count on having to pay at least \$17,400 to buy such a house, \$70 a month to rent one—the equivalent of an average black's entire monthly earnings.

An estimated 99 per cent of Rhodesia's blacks will be unable immediately to take advantage of the demise of race laws.

Mediterranean nations' meeting will test cooperation on pollution issue

LONDON, Feb. 3 (R)—The Mediterranean coastal nations gather in Geneva on Monday to decide how far they are willing to back up with cash their hopes of cleansing that sea.

The 18 nations agreed in 1975 to three treaties to protect the sea from pollution, but have had to pay very little so far to put these accords into action. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Mostafa Tolba said of the coming six-day session:

"Just how serious the Mediterranean coastal states are about protecting their sea from pollution...will be squarely tested by their willingness, or unwillingness, at the Geneva meeting to continue their cooperation, begun so successfully at Barcelona in 1975, and to face up to their responsibilities."

UNEP is asking the nations to agree to a two-year work plan and to raise among themselves \$2.25 million this year and slightly less in 1980 to cover the costs.

UNEP will pay up to \$750,000 for the work for 1979, yet hopes to gradually decrease its contributions until the work is fully supported by the concerned governments in 1983, Dr. Tolba said.

Since the Mediterranean "action plan" was launched in 1975, UNEP has contributed \$7.3 million compared to the \$375,000 put in by all the participating governments, though the governments also have made available laboratories and scientists for the monitoring work.

UNEP believes that the shoreline nations derive the benefits from the sea and must accept the responsibility for its protection, a UNEP spokesman said.

Following 13 years of able, single-handed leadership Algeria prepares for smooth transition

By Pierre Requette

ALGIERS, Feb. 3 (R)—After the strains and traumas of the past six months, Algeria's sole political party, the National Liberation Front, has now firmly established the socialist framework of the state.

New statutes adopted at the party congress, which ended on Wednesday, provided for a smooth transition following the death last month of President Houari Boumedienne, who had ruled single-handedly for 13 years. It also stabilised the country's institutional structure, which Mr. Boumedienne had worked on for years, in much the way he would have wanted.

New statutes adopted at the congress stipulated that the party secretary-general would be the automatic presidential candidate. By electing Colonel Chadli Benjedid to this post, the congress assured him of the presidency, subject only to the formality of a national election to be held on Wednesday.

Colonel Benjedid, a little-known veteran of the Algerian revolution, served during President Boumedienne's lengthy illness as head of the Defence Ministry, a post the president had always reserved for himself. Although he may not have been their first choice, Colonel Benjedid is expected to satisfy the army, which sees itself as the defender of the revolution.

Under new statutes adopted at the congress, which firmly establish the supremacy of the party over the state, the secretary-general has the power to name the party's politburo, subject to approval of the Central Committee.

The party further entrenched its position by asking the Central Committee to adjust the country's two-year-old constitution to include the new statutes.

Party pre-eminence is further illustrated by the fact that politburo members will be put in charge of top party and government posts and

even lesser ministers will have to be able at least Central Committee members, according to reliable sources.

It will be left to Mr. Benjedid, as both president and general secretary, to allocate posts after his election. A government reshuffle seems inevitable.

Mr. Boumedienne's death was a severe blow to the country, and confronted the political leadership with the difficult problem of replacing a man who had ruled single-handedly for more than 13 years, and presided over Algeria's determined efforts towards post-revolutionary development.

There was no obvious candidate with the stature to replace him and too many possible choices for comfort. It was widely expected that post-Boumedienne Algeria would start with a collective leadership perhaps ridden by political rivalries.

But the congress now appears to have achieved a working compromise, at least for the near future. It has produced a structure which the party chief is clearly the state's central figure while remaining responsible to the party's 160-strong Central Committee. At the same time, it has kept most of Mr. Boumedienne's closest companions in the 17-strong politburo, which becomes the country's new political leadership.

The recommended constitutional changes are expected to clarify the relationship between the party and the state and to call for appointment of a prime minister and one or more vice-presidents. Although these two posts are included in the present constitution, President Boumedienne never filled them.

It is widely expected that the Defence Ministry, which Boumedienne has held since Algeria's independence in 1962, is now to be separated from the presidency. The most favoured candidate, Colonel Kaddi Merbah, until now head of the military security, Algeria's secret police.

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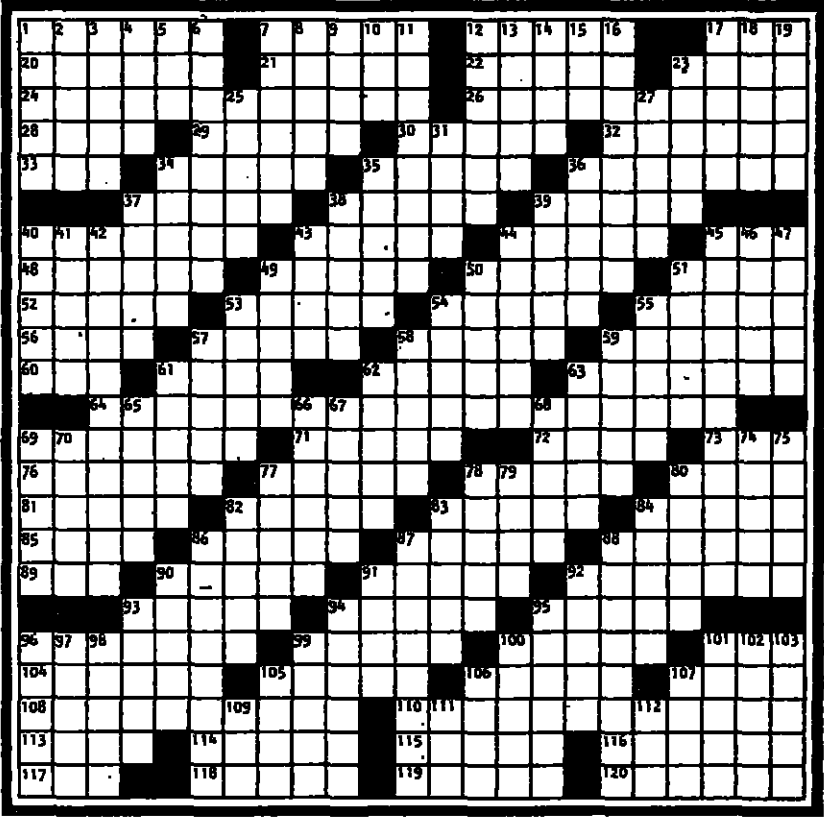
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20 Evaporative
21 Volcanic
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